

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 12: CONSERVATION

Chapter 915: HUNTING: SEASONS, REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS HEADING: PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (new); Pt. D, §7 (aff); c. 614, §9 (aff)

§12161. TAKING OF CERTAIN NONMARINE INVERTEBRATES FROM THE WILD FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

1. Prohibition; penalties. Except as provided in this section, a person may not take and possess certain nonmarine invertebrates, specifically freshwater mussels, butterflies, moths, dragonflies or beetles, from the wild for export, sale or commercial purposes.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged. [2011, c. 253, §24 (NEW) .]

B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. [2011, c. 253, §24 (NEW) .]

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2. Commercial nonmarine invertebrate permit. Persons harvesting freshwater mussels, butterflies, moths, dragonflies or beetles for export, sale or commercial purposes are required to obtain a permit from the commissioner.

[2011, c. 253, §24 (NEW) .]

3. Rules. The commissioner may by rule:

A. Require reporting of commercial harvest activities, including at a minimum dates, locations and numbers collected by species; [2011, c. 253, §24 (NEW) .]

B. Establish daily and season possession limits; [2011, c. 253, §24 (NEW) .]

C. Establish a fee schedule to implement a permit system under this section; and [2011, c. 253, §24 (NEW) .]

D. Require humane harvest, confinement and disposal methods. [2011, c. 253, §24 (NEW) .]

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

[2011, c. 253, §24 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2011, c. 253, §24 (NEW) .

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